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## guest of honour C.J. CHERRYH

The Albacon committee is a disparate and unruly bunch. Clear decisions are often very hard to come by, but when they had to decide on a guest of honour for Albacon '88 these fractious individuals displayed an unkindard of unanimity in choosing C.J. Cherryh. We look forward to meeting her.



"I've attended a lot of conventions and they remind me a bit of the old fashioned magic of circuses - the hotel is all dull and boring, then the first few strangely recognisable people show up, the boxes start to arrive, the security starts, the color and the noise unfold and people drop their workaday attitudes and start talking to perfect strangers. I've never seen two the same. They're all different by virtue of the chemistry of the place, the time, the people who come. And I hope to go to them and to go on enjoying them for a very long time indeed."

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## SHORT STORY COMPETITION

To encourage new science fiction writers, the Glasgow Herald jointly with Albacon 88, is sponsoring a competition for new short story writers.

The winner will be announced and the prize of an Amstrad computer will be awarded at the 1988 convention. The winning entry will also be published in the Herald's Weekender section.

Judges will include author Angus McAllister, Chris Boyce of the Glasgow Herald and Duncan Lunan, author and science fiction critic of the Glasgow Herald.

### RULES

1. All entries must be original works of science fiction or fantasy. Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification. Submitted works must not have been previously published.
2. Maximum length of entries is 2000 words.
3. The contest is open only to those who have not had professionally published more than one novel or novella, or more than three short stories or novelettes.
4. Entries must be typewritten, double spaced on one side only of white A4 paper (or nearest overseas equivalent) with broad margins all round. Author's name should not appear on pages bearing text.
5. Entries must be accompanied by an A4 sheet bearing only the title, author's name, address and telephone number.
6. Entries must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope bearing full return postage. While every effort will be made to return all entries, no liability can be accepted for manuscripts misplaced, damaged, or lost in transit.
7. Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by the committee of Albacon 88. Judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner will be announced and the prize presented at the Albacon 88 convention in July 1988.
8. The winning entry may be published by the Glasgow Herald to coincide with the Albacon 88 convention. Copyright in all entries will be retained by the authors.
9. Entries must be submitted to Science Fiction Competition, Glasgow Herald, 175 Albion Street, Glasgow, G1 1HF, Scotland, to arrive not later than May 15 1988.
10. The winner of the contest will be notified of the results by mail.
11. Employees of George Odum & Co. and members of the Albacon committee and their families are not eligible to enter the competition.

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Albacon 88 is the latest in a series of large and successful Science Fiction conventions held north of the border.

In 1988 we will be celebrating 10 years of Glasgow Conventions. Previous guests include Harlan Ellison, Norman Spinrad, Joe Haldeman, Bob Shaw, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Larry Harrison, David Brin, Anne McCaffrey, John Brunner, and Clive Barker. In 1988 we will continue our policy of bringing famous and rising Science Fiction authors by having C.J. Cherryh as Guest of Honour.

Albacon will have the full programme and facilities expected of a large National Convention, including, over a dozen SF films, talks and panels, (some serious and scientific, some nothing like), a Book Auction, where you can buy a book collection or bid to have the auctioneer eat your least favourite work, a Dealers (Hucksters) room, with book dealers from all over Britain, a Fancy Dress Show, Art Show with auction, the Rocky Horror Picture Show, (with and without audience participation), Spaceflight, and media programmes.

Albacon will have VERY LATE OPENING, (or if you prefer, very early opening) bars serving REAL ALE. The organising committee are among the most experienced in Britain, having run 15 previous conventions, including 3 British National Eastercons.

Held in one of the best convention sites in Britain, Glasgow's CENTRAL HOTEL, Albacon has the enthusiastic support of the friendliest and most co-operative hotel staff in Britain. Room rates will be: Triple - £14, Twin - £15.50, Twin + Bath - £19, Single - £18, Single + Bath - £19.50, all per person per night and inclusive of VAT and breakfast. Hotel booking forms will be available in our first Progress Report.

Two international airports and excellent road and rail links make Glasgow one of the most accessible cities in Europe. The city is also a major tourist attraction, especially with the Garden Festival being held next summer, and anyone going on a tour of Scotland will find Glasgow an excellent base.

"Albacon is a cross between a big relaxacon and a small Worldcon." Norman Spinrad.

For details write to:

Membership rates are:

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